

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application.

Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30 were rejected. These claims are cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution in a continuation application

Remaining claims 1-7, 11-17, and 21-27 are allowed. As all remaining claims are allowed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to promptly pass this case to issue.

**CONCLUSION**

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicants assert that the remaining claims in the Application are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that this Application be passed to issue.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *manderson@munckcarter.com*.

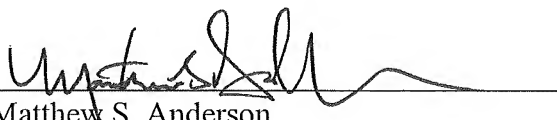
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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